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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Notice of a Public Meeting

The Department of State will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, in the Oklahoma Room of the U.S.

Department of Transportation Headquarters, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, DC, 20590. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the third Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Subcommittee on Pollution Prevention and Response (PPR 3) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from February 15-19, 2016.

The agenda items to be considered include:

- Decisions of other IMO bodies
- Safety and pollution hazards of chemicals and preparation of consequential amendments to the IBC Code
- Review of MARPOL Annex II requirements that have an impact on cargo residues and tank washings of high viscosity and persistent floating products
- Code for the transport and handling of limited amounts of hazardous and noxious liquid substances in bulk on offshore support vessels

- Revised guidance on ballast water sampling and analysis
- Production of a manual entitled "Ballast Water Management - How to do it"
- Consideration of the impact on the Arctic of emissions of Black Carbon from international shipping
- Development of standards for shipboard gasification waste to energy systems and associated amendments to regulation 16 of MARPOL Annex VI
- Amendments to bunker delivery note to permit the supply of fuel oil not in compliance with regulation 14 of MARPOL Annex VI
- Guidelines for onboard sampling and verification of the sulphur content of the fuel oil used on ships
- Guidelines for the discharge of exhaust gas recirculation bleed-off water
- Improved and new technologies approved for ballast water management systems and reduction of atmospheric pollution
- Revised section II of the Manual on oil pollution contingency planning
- Guide on oil spill response in ice and snow conditions
- Updated IMO Dispersant Guidelines

- Updated OPRC Model training courses
- Unified interpretation to provisions of IMO environment-related Conventions
- Biennial agenda and provisional agenda for PPR 4
- Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for 2016
- Report to the Marine Environment Protection Committee

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will be cancelled if federal agencies are closed. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government-issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the building.

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